

Sunday 31st
March 2024

Easter Day

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our
worship!*



HAPPY EASTER!

Weekly Reflection...

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

Mary's encounter with the resurrected Jesus is profoundly touching in the Scriptures. She recognised and believed in Him when He called her by her name. However, when Peter and the Beloved Disciple arrived at the tomb, they did not find Jesus there; instead, they found only an empty space and abandoned burial linens. Nevertheless, these signs were enough for the Beloved Disciple to believe. John later declared, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29b). This message resonates with us: although we have not witnessed the risen Christ ourselves, we are invited to believe in His resurrection and its transformative power for our lives in this world and beyond.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Reader: Graham Johnson

9.45 am Festal Easter Eucharist* Followed by fizz, cake and children's Easter egg hunt

Pr Hymn:	205 Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)	President:	Rev'd Canon David Tickner
Setting:	Metrical	Preacher:	Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Gr Hymn:	216 The day of resurrection (Ellacombe)	1 st Reader:	David Reed
Of Hymn:	203 Good Christians all rejoice and sing (Vulpius, Gelobt sei Gott)	2 nd Reader:	Susan Mayou
Anthem:	This joyful Eastertide (CfC3 p198)	Intercessions:	Clive Simmonds
Cm Hymn:	209 Love's redeeming work is done (Savannah)		
Anthem	"Hallelujah chorus" from "Messiah" George Frideric Handel		
Fn Hymn:	218 Thine be the glory (Maccabeus)		

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First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Acts 10.34-43 Peter testifies to Christ crucified and risen

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

Paul hands on the account of the resurrection

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel

John 20.1-18

The empty tomb: Mary Magdalene meets the risen Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This Week....

02/04 Tue	9:00 am- 4:00 pm	Children's Crafts	
02/04 Tue	10.00 am	Online Prayer Group	
03/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Acts 3.1-10; Luke 24.13-35
04/04 Thu	9.00 am	Celtic Communion	Acts 3.11-end; Luke 24.35-48
05/04 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Acts 4.1-12; John 21.1-14
05/04 Fri	1.10 pm	Lunchtime concert	Jane Haughton & Mandy Pomorski "A trip around Europe in Song".

Next Sunday...

Sunday 7th April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Exodus 14.10-end, 15:20-21

Acts 4.32-35

John 20.19-end

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

President:

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

Preacher:

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

Reader: 1

Gerry Larner

Reader 2

Anthony Vander Willigen

9.45 am **Parish Eucharist - 1st Sunday of month**

Pr Hymn: 194 Alleluia, Alleluia

Setting: Shephard

Gr Hymn: 211 Now is eternal life

Of Hymn: 813 Through the night omit v 7 & 8

Anthem: Lord I trust thee NCAB 228

Cm Hymn: 429 Bread is blessed

236 Breathe on me

Fn Hymn: 678 In Christ alone

President:

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

Preacher:

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

1st Reader:

Wendy Bloomer

2nd Reader:

Susan Mayou

Intercessions:

James Sanders

11.15 am **Family Worship**

President:

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

Preacher:

Charlotte Tayler/
Hilary Turner-King

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

Gen. 3.8-15; Gal. 4.1-5

President:

Kevin Carey

Preacher:

Kevin Carey

Reader 1:

Charlotte Tayler

Reader 2:

Wendy Bloomer

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Notices and Parish News...

Thank you - to everyone who has worked so hard so that the church is prepared, and we have been able to travel through holy week and celebrate Easter.

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New Service Pattern for Sunday Mornings - From this week, there is a slightly amended pattern of worship at 9.45 on Sunday. A letter at the back of church explains more. The new pattern includes traditional Parish Eucharist services on the first, third, and fourth Sundays, a Choral Eucharist on the fifth Sunday to highlight the church's musical talent, and a family-friendly "Worship for Everyone" on the second Sunday featuring contemporary music and interactive elements. This will also be a chance to meet the families of those who are to be baptised the following week. Please support this inclusive, dynamic approach to worship.

Sunday's Cool Is Back! - We're keeping the same name for now but if you can think of a new name let Hillary know. For the time being it will not be every week, but with Family Praise, Worship for Everyone (see above) and now Sunday's Cool, there will be something for families three Sundays in every month. The dates pencilled in for Sunday's Cool are 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 30 June, 21 July, 15 September, 29 September, 20 October, and 17 November. If you can help at any of those sessions, or our child wants to come along, please let Hilary or Charlotte know by emailing inspirefm@holymtrinitycuckfield.org. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

Cuckfield Local Monthly Makers' Food Market - Reopening at Holy Trinity Cuckfield on 13th April, 9:30-12:30. Join us every second Saturday for locally sourced, sustainable goods. Support local artisans and embrace environmental stewardship with us. The church will be serving tea coffee and soft drinks, please let Jane know if you can assist.

Prayers...

Those to be married:

Georgie and Matt, due to be married at Bolney

Those in immediate need:

Becky Parker, James Watson, Bill Delany, Mark Herring, Molly Phillips, Jason, Jill Knight

Those in long term need:

Young Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Carla Spear, Pam Sagar, Eileen Knight, Jim Knight, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Eileen Macdougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, Yvonne Godsmark

Those in care homes:

Mary Watts, Ruth Baker, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card, Keith Card, Tina Owens

The recently departed and those who mourn:

Maureen

Those whose year's mind falls at this time:

1st Kit Beattie, Veronica Mayo 1994, Carol Brown 1996, Molly Lawrence 1999; 2nd William John Moore 2003; 3rd Robert Graham Bryson 2006, Bruce Spencer 2009, Bernard (Bunny) Watts 2016, Arthur Greville Goad 2018, Patricia Buckeridge 2022; 4th Mark Danton 1998, Shirley Patricia Milham 2019, Patricia Ena Theresa Knight 2023; 5th Doris Cox 2010, Marjorie Florence Sinclair 2012; 6th Alan Scholes 1998, Audrey Maureen Selby 2020
7th Fraya Turner 1994, Col. John Buckeridge 2017.

Praying through the week...

Mon Apr 1st - On Monday of Easter Week we remember those encounters with the Risen Christ such as on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24). We pray for those who are despondent, that they may be open to possibility, to hearing the stories of others, to voicing their own, to walking with our Lord, to receiving hope. We pray locally for the people of Buttinghill Drive, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

Tue Apr 2nd - World Autism Awareness Day - We pray for greater acceptance, understanding and support of people who are neuro-divergent, and for a celebration of skills and gifts offered by people who are neuro-divergent. Locally we pray for the people of Bylanes Close, that they find the welcome and support of a caring neighbourhood.

Wed Apr 3rd - As Jesus accepted the hospitality of strangers, we give thanks and pray for those willing to give and those willing to receive hospitality. We pray that we learn to become more generous and hospitable to others. Locally we pray for the people of Bylanes Crescent, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

Thu Apr 4th - On the International Day for Mine Awareness, we pray for those in areas endangered by landmines, affecting freedom and safety. We remember the vulnerable in places like Colombia, Myanmar, Ukraine, Yemen, Cambodia, Iraq, and Vietnam. We are thankful for the efforts of those working to remove landmines and assist the injured, striving for a safer world for everyone. Locally we remember the people of Callender Walk and pray for their safety, health and well-being.

Fri Apr 5th - International Day of Conscience: Within the Universal Declaration of Human Rights it states that "disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of humankind...". We pray for greater acknowledgement that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and are endowed with reason and conscience, and we pray that we learn to act towards one another in a spirit of humanity, dignity, respect, compassion, and justice. Locally we pray for the people of Chapel Road, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality, and care.

Sat Apr 6th - On this International Day of Sport for the Promotion of Development and Peace we give thanks for the many ways in which sports bodies work to this end and pray for all those, using their skills, effort, time and commitment to promote sport in this way. Locally we pray particularly for the people of Chapelfields, that they may feel the joy of belonging and being valued.

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